Provisional Order

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

JULIE HULTS, R.N. License # 26NR 11166300 PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

FINAL ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

- On or about May 5 2014, respondent entered into a 2. consent order with the South Carolina Board of Nursing, suspending her nursing license in the State of South Carolina for a period of one year. The suspension was to be immediately stayed, with respondent to be placed on probationary status for at least one year. The consent order also imposed a \$500 civil penalty, required completion of a Legal Aspects course and a nursing ethics course, and imposed certain limitations on respondent's nursing practice, including limitations on her access to controlled substances during the probationary period and thereafter. Respondent was also required by the May 5, 2014 consent order to participate in the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program at her own expense, and to undergo evaluation and monitoring as required by the Program. (Exhibit A)
- 3. The basis for the entry of the May 5, 2014 consent order was a finding that respondent had admitted to diverting narcotic medication (hydrocodone) from her place of employment at Seacoast Medical Center in Little River, SC, on or about October 17, 2013. Respondent was subsequently arrested on October 18, 2013 on two counts of violation of drug distribution laws. (Exhibit A)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's stayed suspension by the South Carolina Board subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to $N.J.S.A.\ 45:1-21(g)$.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this day of May, 2015,
ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license shall be placed on probation until her license is without encumbrance in the State of South Carolina, and until she has successfully completed and been released from the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program.
- 2. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the entry of a Final Order of Discipline in this matter, enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), which shall monitor her participation in the South Carolina program.
- 3. RAMP shall monitor respondent's participation in the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program. Respondent shall comply with all of the terms and conditions of the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program. Respondent shall be responsible for any costs of RAMP participation.
- 4. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the $30^{\hbox{th}}$ day following entry hereof unless

Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

- a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.
- c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.
- 5. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.
- 6. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon

review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

7. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within 30 days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Patricia Murphy,

Board President